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COUNCILMEMBER EMERALD JOINS CITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND URBAN CORPS TO CELEBRATE THE CITY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD REHABILITATION PROJECT

When: Tuesday, September 24, 11:00 a.m.

Where: 4833 Orange Avenue, San Diego, CA 92105

What: City Councilmember Marti Emerald joins The City Heights Community Development Corporation (CHCDC) and Urban Corps of San Diego County for a ribbon cutting to celebrate the near completion of 25 home rehabilitations through the City Heights Neighborhood Rehabilitation Project.

Who: San Diego City Councilmember Marti Emerald
Amy Gowan, Assistant Deputy Director of Economic Development, City of San Diego
Ken Grimes, Executive Director, City Heights Community Development Corp.
Stephen Russell, Board President, City Heights Community Development Corp.
Robert Chavez, CEO, Urban Corps of San Diego County
Frank Riley, Field Office Director, U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
City Heights homeowners and youth ages 18-25 who benefitted from the project

Visuals: Ceremonial ribbon cutting; before and after images of home renovations; youth and community members celebrating a revitalized City Heights.

Why: CHCDC and Urban Corps are wrapping up construction renovation on 25 low-income homes in the City Heights community. The project was created to address deferred maintenance and an aging housing stock in City Heights. The program was funded with HUD funds through the City of San Diego Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The project simultaneously offered at-risk youth enrolled in the Urban Corps program a chance to learn on-the-job construction skills while earning a high school diploma. Located in the heart of San Diego, City Heights is home to an ethnically diverse, low-income and historically disadvantaged population. Through this program homeowners receive comprehensive home upgrades which helped uplift property values while increasing community pride. Renovation work included energy upgrades, lead abatement, exterior and interior painting, window replacement, roof and electrical repairs, plumbing, kitchen renovations, safety improvements, and ADA upgrades.

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